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HOWARD COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

October Meeting Minutes

DATE: October 23, 2018
TIME: 6:00 p.m.
PLACE: Howard County Health Department
 8930 Stanford Blvd., Columbia, MD 21045

Members Present: Carlessia Hussein, Sheri Lewis, Matt Reber, Deborah Rivkin, Gary Stewart, Judith Chernoff, Erica Martin, Jill RachBeisel

Members Excused: Darryl Burnett, Paul Nagy

Staff: Maura Rossman, Health Officer, Antigone Vickery, Deputy Health Officer, Gloria Whittington, Administrative Assistant

Guest: Cynthia Schulmeyer, Coordinator, School Psychology, Section 504 and Instructional Intervention, James LeMon, Executive Director, Community, Parent and School Outreach, Dr. Jacqueline Douge, Child Health – HCHD, Tammy Sanders, Dir., Bureau of Administration - HCHD

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Welcome and Introductions	Carlessia Hussein opened the meeting at 6:00 p.m.	
Approval of Minutes	<p>Motion to accept September's minutes. After corrections were made regarding new members not being on other boards. Corrections to September's minutes include, striking from the minutes that the new boards members did not belong to any other boards. Correction made to Jill RachBeisel, M.D. title from Psychologist to Vice Chair for Clinical Affairs, Dept. of Psychiatry - University of Maryland School of Medicine</p> <p>Introduction of guest speakers and three new board members occurred. Each board member represents a particular category of profession. Judith Chernoff, M.D., (represents Physician), Erica Martin, MSW, LCSW-C (represents Mental Health), and Jill RachBeisel, (represents Substance Abuse). Mental Health and Substance Abuse professionals are two new positions that has been added to the Board since Mental Health was absorbed in the Department effective July 1st. This expansion of the Board is part of the behavioral health integration efforts in the County.</p>	The motion to accept the September 2018 minutes was approved unanimously after corrections made.
New Business	<p>Howard County School Based Mental Health Services:</p> <p>In June, a meeting was convened with HCPSS and other stakeholders to address school-based mental health services. Currently, HCHD operates school based mental health program through the School Based Wellness Program which is funded by the Health Department and expanded through a grant by Horizon Foundation. HCHD will also be rolling out a youth suicide prevention program this year.</p> <p>Presentation (see attached presentation)</p>	

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	<p>Too many children are entering classrooms battling depression, identity issues, bullying, sadness and any number of negative emotions. The school system will be mindful of student needs and provide greater resources directly into our schools to give students support they require. HCPSS are creating a multi-tiered system to supports interventions at different levels including: Academic Support System and Behavioral Support Systems. This will be done by reviewing and monitoring data. Beginning 2018/19, all school improvement plans will focus on effective discipline and community building by identifying root causes, developing strategies, engaging in professional development and interpreting and monitoring data. All the tiers will include high-quality first instruction, restorative justice, social emotional learning, positive behavioral intervention and support, and mental health services. Of these, the biggest part is the mental health.</p> <p>The current program funded by HC Health Dept and Horizon has three licensed clinicians split between five schools. This model will end June 2019. The model will change and expand to 10-20 schools with five HCPSS social workers plus using community providers. HCPSS issued a RFP to identify community providers (who will be coordinated by social workers). The RFP addresses: billing & insurance plans accepted, providing non-billable services, multilingual services and plan for service continuity beyond school day/year. Future plans include expanding supports for mental health & social emotional well-being in the school system and expand school coverage through adding social workers and community providers to more schools. A meeting in November will develop a four-year plan to add additional professional staff. As the need and the demands grow we need more professional staff. One significant gap is there is a shortage of child psychologists. The goal is to connect to school performance and the school's success. For more detailed information please refer to attached power point presentation.</p>	<p>Presented by Cynthia Schulmeyer and James LeMon of HCPSS</p>

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Old Business	<p><u>IT Update:</u></p> <p>In September, Board Members were informed the Department had a transition in our IT Program and County IT reached out to help us. A short-term IT workplan is in development which includes improvements and transitions of servers, help desk, phones, hardware, staff recruitment and more. We are setting up a HIPAA compliance training for clinical staff and there will be two sessions in December. The changes will occur over a span of time that may crossover into the next fiscal year. We have transitioned our IT system entirely to the County System and is being backed up nightly, but our information is separate to remain HIPAA compliant. The migration to the new server is almost complete at which time the old server will be turned off. We are responsible for the hardware support, the County will be responsible for the software, security, and backup. We are making sure all the laptops used by staff are encrypted, so there is no loss of data. Our help desk ticket system was open source; now we will be in alignment with County ticket system. Much has been done in a short period of time with more to do.</p> <p>Other Items</p> <p>Maryland Health Benefits Exchange Open Enrollment will start on November 1, 2018 to December 15, 2018, here on site. State exchange fee is lower this year which will help those families who make less than the Federal poverty level. Healthcare Access Maryland (HCAM, the regional operator of the Exchange in Howard County) will continue to provide navigator services for the county's Qualified Health Plan (QHP) recipients; will offer extended hours to accommodate for work schedules. HCAM will also expand the number of locations accepting scheduled appointments for QHP enrollment at seven different locations within the County. Last year the un-insured rate was between 4 and 5 % in the County, years prior it was up to 12% un-insured.</p> <p>Flu Shots were given out at the 50+ Expo, where we gave out about 500 shots. We take the opportunity to use flu clinics like this as an emergency preparedness exercise. An event like this we can see how rapidly we can dispense medicine and deploy resources. In doing this, we partner with University of Maryland student nurses and the Medical Reserve Corps (volunteers through the State).</p> <p>Cancer Control prevention and education services reaching out to all HC under and un-insured women for mammograms and cervical cancer screenings. Howard County offers cost effective services based upon a recent report from MDH.</p>	

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	<p><u>Accreditation</u></p> <p>We submitted our documentation for accreditation. The next step in accreditation will be to schedule the pre-visit. The official PHAB visit is expected April 2 and 3, 2019. Board members will be invited and briefed in preparation.</p> <p><u>For the Good of the Group:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flu Shots were offered by HCHD to Board Members and guest who wish to get one prior to tonight's meeting. • Sheri Lewis recognized for receiving the Annual Health Promise Award. • It was suggested each Board Member try to attend at least one LHIC Meeting. 	
	<p>Topics for future meetings: Next Steps on Youth Suicide Updates</p>	
Other Business	NO MEETING IN DECEMBER 2018	
Adjournment	<i>There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm.</i>	

Next Board of Health Meeting: November 27, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. at Howard Co. Health Department 8930 Stanford Blvd. 1st Floor, Columbia, MD 21045